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Dec. 20, 2023

Dear ETSD Staff and Families,

Highlights: 2023-24 ETSD Calendar adjustment; Superintendent Comments from Dec. 14, 2023 BOE meeting; \$17 Hourly Rate for new Lunch Aides and Bus Aides starting on Jan. 2, 2024; Opportunities and Resources.

“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”

– proverb with variations tracing back to multiple continents

(our 2023-24 District Theme is “Cooperation is Key”)

5 pm Today, MS Jazz Band Performances w/Cherokee Jazz Band, Cherokee North Cafeteria

This event info above was in the Dec. 8 Update. I highly encourage any family to attend if:

- Your child is involved with music
- Your child is involved with music and you'd love to help that grow
- Your child is involved in music and would benefit from seeing how powerful and positive music involvement can be through MS, HS, and beyond
- Your child is not involved in music and you'd like them to get a sense of how cool it can be to play an instrument, to make friends and memories through music, to be part of a community of friendship that will carry on
- Any other reason not named above

2023-24 ETSD Calendar adjustment

Our last in-service day has been moved to Tuesday, June 4, 2024 where it has traditionally been, from its prior date of Friday, May 24, 2024. This will enable our schools to be closed for students on the first Tuesday in June, since our schools are used as polling locations.

Our [2023-24 ETSD Calendar](#) is linked on our homepage.



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Superintendent Comments from Dec. 14, 2023 BOE meeting

I would like to start by recognizing our many students who have been performing in the amazing Winter Concerts over the past 2 weeks, both during the school day and in the evenings. Their hard work and dedication has been on full display. Thank you as well to our amazing Music teachers for helping prepare our students all year and for these wonderful performances.

I got to attend Van Zant's 5th grade Student Council inauguration this week, where the students being inaugurated gave speeches about why they ran for Student Council and their ideas for the year, and thanked their families and friends for supporting their efforts. I'd like to thank all the staff involved with Student Council, at all our schools, for fostering leadership and service in our students, themes which are directly tied into our 5th grade Social Studies curriculum.

Among the Superintendent's items on the agenda, I would like to thank ETEA for their collaboration on the two sidebars and I'd like to thank the Cabinet and their department teams for their work in preparing the QSAC Review for county submission.

The adjustment to our current school year calendar on the agenda is to move our last in-service day to June 4, where it has traditionally been, from its current date on May 24. This will enable our schools to be closed for students on the first Tuesday in June, since our schools are used as polling locations. Our district calendar is on our homepage.

Hourly rate for lunch and bus aides rising to \$17 an hour starting Jan. 2, 2024. Every lunch/bus aide wage guide step will rise starting Jan. 2. [Apply to be a Lunch Aide!](#) [Apply to be a Bus Aide!](#) (openings for both roles)

Opportunities and Resources

- <https://raproom.org/home>: Local resource to help and advocate for families and their loved ones struggling with alcohol and drug addiction.
- [2.2.24: Give Kids A Smile Day! \(español\)](#)



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Wishing all our staff and families a wonderful Winter Break and time with family and friends!
With gratitude for the hard work of our staff all year and for the invaluable support from our families!

Sincerely,

Dr. Justin Smith

Superintendent of Schools